

1 SENATE BILL NO. 476

2 INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MAKING UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE BEFORE A COURT A  
5 CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-61-210, MCA."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 **Section 1.** Section 37-61-210, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"37-61-210. Penalty for ~~practicing without license~~ unauthorized practice before court.** (1) If any  
11 person practices law in any court, except a justice's court, ~~or a city court, or water court,~~ without authorization or  
12 having received a license as attorney and counselor, ~~he~~ that person is guilty of a ~~contempt of court~~ unauthorized  
13 practice before a court.

14 (2) A person convicted of the offense of unauthorized practice before a court shall be fined not to exceed  
15 \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 6 days, or both."

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